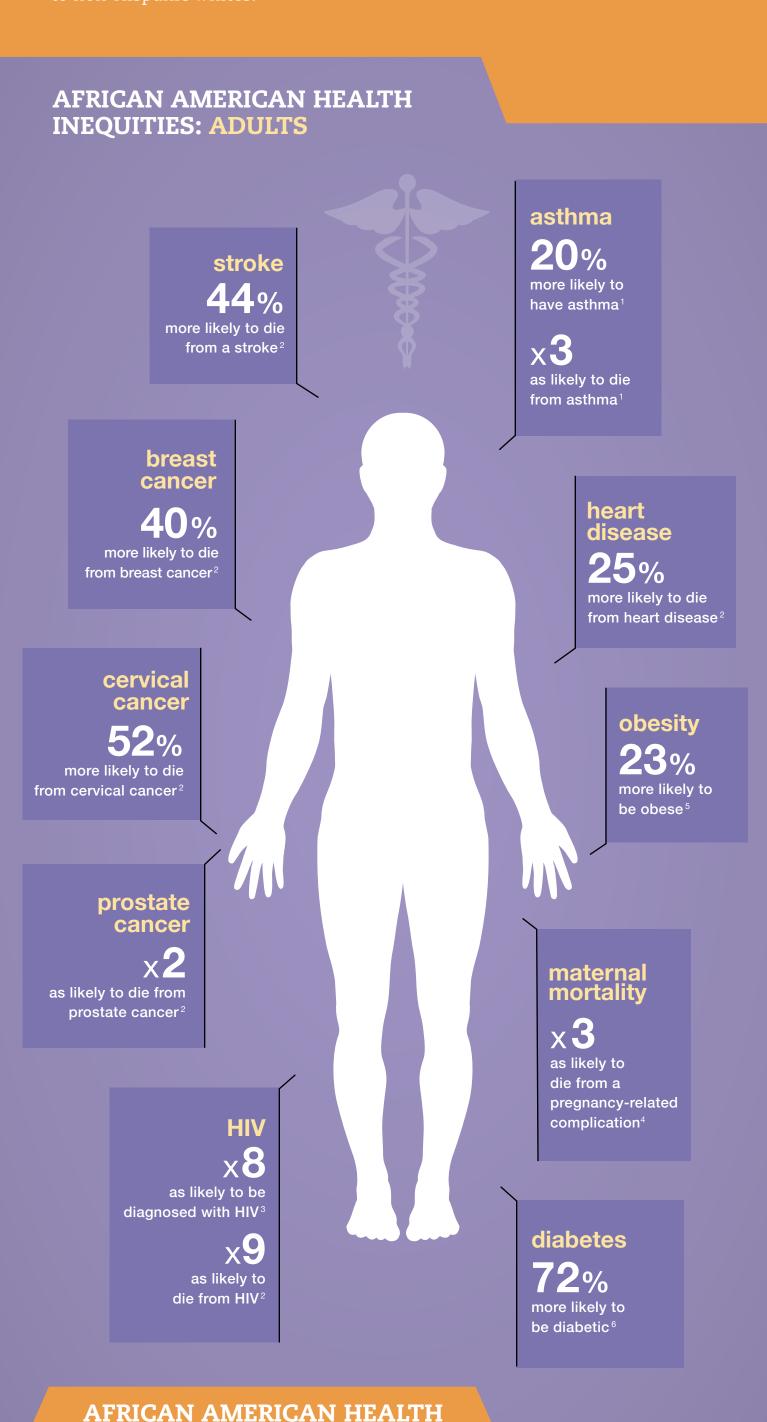
African American Health Inequities Compared to Non-Hispanic Whites

Racial and ethnic health inequities are undermining our communities and our health system. African Americans are more likely to suffer from certain health conditions, and they are more likely to get sicker, have serious complications, and even die from them. These are some of the more common health inequities that affect African Americans in the United States compared to non-Hispanic whites.



Inequities: CHILDREN

Compared to non-Hispanic white children, African American children are more likely to suffer from the following:

infant
mortality
x2.5
as likely to
die as infants²

x2
as likely to
die of
Sudden
Infant
Death
Syndrome
(SIDS)²

asthma x2 as likely to have asthma¹

56% more likely to be obese⁵

obesity

61% more likely to attempt suicide as a high-schooler7

depression

How do we reduce racial and ethnic health inequities? We must work together to improve our health care system to make it high-quality, comprehensive, affordable, and accessible for everyone.





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